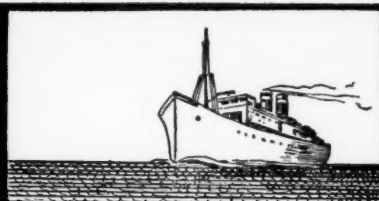


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703 20c 1930	1.10	.28	.12
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The First Philippine Airmail Exhibition Issue

By PABLO M. ESPERIDION, Secretary, Philippine Air Mail Society

PHILATELY has scored another achievement in the Philippines. For the first time in the postal history of this country, on February 17, 1939, the Bureau of Posts, Manila, issued a set of commemorative airmail stamps in honor of a philatelic exhibition—the first Philippine Airmail Exhibition, which was conducted under the auspices of the Philippine Air Mail Society, Chapter 13 of the American Air Mail Society.

Like all Philippine airmail commemoratives, the stamps issued bear a surcharge. This issue consists of two values, namely 8 centavos and 1 peso, surcharged on the 26-centavos old issue (Scott 298) and 10-pesos new issue (Scott 431), respectively. The legend of the surcharge reads: "FIRST-AIRMAIL EXHIBITION—Feb. 17 to 19, 1939—8 CENTAVOS" (and "1 PESO" on the higher value) in four lines. It has the semblance of the ARNACAL surcharge, and the words "AIRMAIL EXHIBITION" are inscribed in semi-circle. The surcharge on the 8 centavos is in black, and the 1 peso in red. Total issue for each value, are: 200,000 for the 8 centavos and 30,000 for the 1 peso. Both were issued in sheets of 100 subjects each. At a glance, total issue of the latter would, to all appearances, seem out of proportion to the former. But the following circumstances will explain.

Originally, an airmail miniature sheet was proposed for this issue, the design of which, was prepared by the writer. Together with a resolution passed by the Philippine Air Mail Society, it was duly submitted to the Philippine postal authorities on December 9, 1938. This miniature sheet was made up of three values—8 centavos, 20 centavos and 1 peso. Incorporation of these three values was intended for the following air mail necessities; 8 centavos for the present airmail charges within the Philippines; 20 centavos for registry purposes in and outside of the country; and 1 peso, for the regular Clipper rate, from the Philippines to the United States.

In the resolution submitted to the postal authorities, a sufficient issue was likewise requested, leaving the quantity at the discretion of the government; at the same time the printing of the sheets be made at either the Bureau of Printing and Engraving at Washington, D. C., or

at the Bureau of Printing of the Commonwealth Government. Simultaneously, it was petitioned that in the event time would not warrant the printing of the miniature sheets for release on February 17 (opening day of the exhibition), the overprinting of three current stamps with the three values so considered with the following over-print: "FIRST-PHILIPPINE AIRMAIL EXHIBITION—1939."

After due deliberation and considering it futile to hope to have the miniature sheets in time, the postal authorities decided to surcharge only two values on stamps without the overprint "Commonwealth," and went on with the selection of stamps and the preparation of the surcharge in the meantime. However, lack of sufficient stocks on hand without overprint, and concerning it would be an atrocity to surcharge any other Philippine commemoratives, sent the postal authorities into a slight headache.

Meanwhile, believing on the philatelic traits of stamp collectors, the postal authorities requested Mr. Jesus Cacho, president of the Philippine Airmail Exhibition, for an opinion on the matter. By way of a suggestion, Mr. Cacho accordingly made mention of stamps of several issues. But unfortunately all stocks on hand were small. Mr. Cacho went even as far as to suggest the surcharging of the 4 centavos (1935) without the overprint "Commonwealth" (of which there were ample stocks) for the 8 centavos. But the postal authorities deemed it inadvisable, lest racketeers might by surcharging mint copies of this value, cause considerable loss to the government coffers.

In view of this difficulty, Mr. Cacho further suggested that the 26 centavos old issue and 10 pesos new issue be surcharged with 8 centavos and 1 peso, respectively. To this the postal authorities gave a concurring opinion, as there were sufficient stocks of the 26 centavos at that time.

Originally, it was intended to surcharge the 26 centavos with the two values (8c and 1 peso), and what a calamity it would have been, but a little exercise of common sense coupled with Mr. Cocho's suggestion, the day was saved for stamp collecting. Thus, although stocks of the 10 pesos were very low at

that time, and considering it the only eligible denomination for the 1 peso-surcharge, the "die was cast," for the 8 centavos and the 1 peso values. And this explains, the issue of 200,000 and 30,000 for the 8 centavos and 1 peso, respectively.

Consideration was also taken of the limited number of the latter. The postal authorities were prompted to issue this number taking the VON GRONAU and F. REIN commemoratives as a basis. Both were issued with 30,000 of their higher values. It was further contended that the VON GRONAU and F. REIN stamps were sold by the Bureau of Posts for several years (about 5 years) until their destruction recently, notwithstanding that the VON GRONAU and F. REIN commemorated events of international importance. Moreover, further basis was also made on similar issues released by foreign countries for philatelic exhibitions of this nature, taking also cognizance of the fact that the Philippine Airmail Exhibition was merely a national event. Hence, the limited quantity of 30,000 for the 1 peso.

Collectors will observe that plate numbers on the 26 centavos will seldom be seen, as according to Benjamin Mogul, postal inspector and one of the three supervisors in the printing of these stamps, all plate numbers on this denomination were virtually detached, due to interruptions made by the borders of the sheets in the printing of the surcharge. The 1 peso bear their plate numbers.

Sale of these stamps was placed to the public on February 17, at the Manila Post Office. It was originally scheduled to release these commemoratives at 8 o'clock in the morning, but at the request of collectors who wanted to take advantage of the Manila-Baguio daily airmail service which closes at 6:30 a. m., the Bureau of Posts advanced the selling time at 6 a. m. Much to the surprise of the postal authorities, men and women, boys and girls, and even ladies, jammed the Philatelic Section at 4 o'clock in the morning waiting for the release of the new commemoratives.

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in my album.) This wise step was taken by the postal authorities so as to curb speculation on the part of speculators and stamp syndicates. As a matter of fact, some dealers posted reservations from 2 to 3,000 sets, and there was even a European dealer who was quoted as saying to buy out 90% of the total issue. However in spite of all these bright prospects for quick sale to the government, the Bureau of Posts turned them down. To which collectors might well send a vote of congratulations. It can also be affirmed as an encouragement and the maintenance of the standard of philately in these Islands to a high plane.

Wishing therefore to curb any speculative aspect on this issue, the Bureau of Posts issued an order to the effect that only 50 sets should be sold to every person on the first day. (Persons who did not make reservations prior to February 17.) Notwithstanding this limited quantity for each person, the unexpected demand for these stamps was so great that the 1 peso value was virtually sold out by 4 o'clock in the afternoon, leaving only straight edges, which are still for sale at the local Philatelic Section at the present writing (March 11).

Despite this unprecedented demand, American collectors will be able to get sets of these stamps at face, as although with a limited quantity, stamps of this issue were sent to the Philippine Resident Commissioner at Washington, D. C., for sale at the Philatelic Agency.

First-day sale of these adhesives reached the highest peak of FD sales of Philippine commemoratives. It amounted to 46,000 pesos, which broke all commemoratives' records according to Amador Marquez, chief of the Philatelic Section, Bureau of Posts.

Again, it was the first time in the postal history of the Philippines in which the Bureau of Posts applied two cachets on first day covers. The first cachet, however, was applied only on covers not flown. This cachet is worded: "COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES—BUREAU OF POSTS—FEB. 17, 1939—FIRST DAY SALE—FIRST AIRMAIL EXHIBITION STAMPS—OFFICIAL CACHET" and circular in form, with a flap on the lower left and right-hand sides. Measures, 42 mm. in diameter.

The second cachet and designed by the writer was the one submitted by the Philippine Air Mail Society to the postal authorities for applications on covers flown to all air routes of the Philippines. This cachet, together with the former, were applied on covers flown to the following points:

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Manila-Paracale
Manila-Naga
Manila-Legaspi
Manila-Iloilo
Manila-Cebu
Manila-Bacolod
Manila-Davao, and
Manila-San Francisco,

which, by sheer coincidence, the Clipper mail for the States was closed on the evening of February 17—date of the first day sale and opening of the Exhibition.

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erally true to all Philippine adhesives, including those of the United States. Nevertheless, this issue can be considered as one of the greatest accomplishments of the Philippine Air Mail Society in the first year of its life, and under whose auspices the first Philippine Airmail Exhibition was successfully conducted and culminated in a marked success.

Beaver Falls Annual Party

The seventh annual party of the Beaver County Philatelic Society is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 15-16, in the General Broadhead Hotel, Beaver Falls, Pa. The banquet will be at 6:30 P. M. Saturday evening, featuring a short program in order to have sufficient time to devote to other activities. The Visiting Firemen of Philately, which was formed some years ago at a Beaver Falls annual, will install new officers and initiate new rookies to the brigades. Meanwhile the wives will be entertained by the Stampettes. The bourse and exhibition will open at 1 P. M. Saturday and close at 5 P. M. Sunday. Sunday's schedule includes a fellowship breakfast, an auto tour for the ladies and an informal supper. Collectors and dealers from as far away as Michigan are expected as well as many from cities in adjoining states. Reservations may be made with L. W. McDanel, Chairman, 1113 Third Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.

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GUATEMALA, "U. S. Overprint," 1 value	.04
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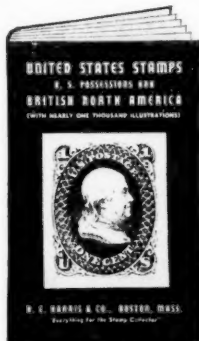
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urday will feature conducted tours of the exhibition, a business meeting in the forenoon and an officers' luncheon, with the banquet at 6:30 P. M. Sunday the bourse will continue, closing at 4 P. M.; with the Second Regional Congress being scheduled to hear five papers in the morning. Headquarters will be the Hotel McCurdy, illustrated, in whose ball room will be placed the exhibition. Further information can be obtained from Guy W. A. Camp, 304 E. Main St., Boonville, Ind.

• Greek provisionals of 1900 with letters "A M" overprinted were sold in gold currency and for use on international mails only. Greece at the time was required to pay her portion of international postage costs at par value of the drachma, though her currency was much depreciated.

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Change in Plate Number Reports Made

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Plate Number	Denomination	Issue	Size Plate
22283-84-85-86	2c Adams, ordinary sheet	1938	400 rotary
22291-92	3c Golden Gate International Commemorative	1939	200 rotary
22293-94-95-96	3c New York World's Fair Commemorative	1939	200 rotary

The following plates were sent to press during February and stamps from these printings will eventually appear in post office stocks. The first two plates of the New York Fair stamp went to press on Feb. 10 and the second pair a week later, indicating a large supply is being prepared.

Plate Number	Denomination	Issue	Size Plate
22225	1c Washington, sideways coil	1938	170 rotary
22242-43-44-45-53-54	1c Washington, sheet stamp	1938	400 rotary
22283-84-85-86	2c Adams, sheet stamp	1938	400 rotary
21997-98	3c Jefferson, booklet panes	1938	360 rotary
22291-92	3c Golden Gate International Exposition Commemorative	1939	200 rotary
22293-94-95-96	3c New York World's Fair Commemorative	1939	200 rotary

Czech Mail Held in Transit

To permit persons in the United States an opportunity to stop the transmission of articles recently mailed to Czechoslovakia, the United States Post Office Dept. is holding for a short time all mails to that country. The Department took this unusual step as a result of numerous requests and as a result almost all mail dated March 4 or later has been prevented from falling into Nazi hands until senders have had an opportunity to recall it. The deadline for applications was March 21. Included in the mails were those already dispatched in steamers leaving New York March 10, 15 and 17. Many mailers feared the contents of articles would be seized by Nazi secret police or that expressions within letters might bring punishment to addresses within the former Czech republic.

• Edgar Mohrmann, the well-known Hamburg, German auction dealer, who conducted the largest sales on the continent, was recently sentenced to six months imprisonment, presumably for political "offenses."

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Rhodesian Error Found

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STAMPS IN THE NEWS

Czechoslovakia-Lithuania

Early last year the Czechoslovak republic was so secure in its independence that it issued stamps commemorating victories of Czech legions in the Allied armies over the Germans during the World War. A few days ago the army



of the republic surrendered almost without a shot to victorious Nazis who had incorporated the crippled republic within the German reich merely by threats. Today villages, cities and historic places pictured on the republic's stamps are under the domination of foreign troops. The



giant Skoda munitions works which supplied arms to most of the Balkans and eastern Europe is now a German plant, its directors fugitives. The cathedral of Kosice pictured on a recent stamp is even more recently the subject of a Hungarian set commemorating its being taken over by that country. Crowning indignity for the Czechs was to have the unwelcome visit of Adolf Hitler on the night of his conquest and to have him take over the Hradcany, as his headquarters. The postal service of the re-



public which had just celebrated its twentieth anniversary thus joins those of Austria and Ethiopia in disappearing before mechanized might.

Far to the east the autonomous state of Carpatho-Ruthenia put up a show of resistance against Hungarian invaders, but the independent government lasted only a scant two days and probably no postal mementos will exist of this short-lived state.

To Lithuania on March 22 came the next blow in the Nazi march to the east. For months now the Lithuanian ministers had become almost resigned to losing Memel, a German city serving as port to a countryside of Lithuanian pop-

ulation. On March 22 the Nazi city government took over the posts and telegraphs and the Lithuanian population fled en masse, the armed forces of the small republic retreating to Lithuania proper, and Lithuania thus became a land-locked country, its only seaport gone. Memel will be recalled for having been the source of numerous stamps in post war years until Lithuanian troops seized it in 1923.

Not recognizing the legality of the German seizure of Czechoslovakia, the democracies made futile protests and reports were heard that Czechs in those countries would proclaim a provisional government in exile, with headquarters in the U. S., thus repeated the history of 1918, when Washington was actually the capital of the country so far as directing the formation of the new republic.

FIRST DAY CALENDAR

3c Sesquicentennial of Inauguration of Geo. Washington, first day of sale at New York City, April 30.

3c 25th Anniversary of Panama Canal, first day of sale August 15 at a point not yet decided.

• The St. Joseph (Mo.) Stamp Collectors Club to help finance its stamp exhibition April 28-29-30, has published a 6x8 likeness of Rowland Hill, father of the postage stamp, on ivory tinted sheet for use as a frontis-page in albums. This is advertised elsewhere among the classified ads.

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Editor's Notebook

JUST NOTES Up early Saturday the 11th with intent to attend Garfield-Perry's annual at Cleveland, northernmost outpost of philately in Ohio . . . detouring to ride the cab with the engineer of a slow train . . . arriving therefore a scant hour before what the banquet time table said was time to brush up on boarding house manners and oratory a la Hanford . . . like most time-tables it proved ahead of its subject . . . so off to see more of the exhibition . . . white lights, in just the right spots made it unnecessary to use the flashlight given with each banquet ticket . . . we'd got a little uneasy at receiving that souvenir! . . . frame after frame of Messrs. Lagerloef and Lichtenstein's rarities . . . but Mauritius and British North America first issues sans indication of value being noticeably unimpressive to most visitors who were unfamiliar with their value . . . the older collectors appreciating these earlier . . . Johl's pages of essays, proofs, etc., of 20th Century U. S. attracting

this pair of eyes . . . "Butch" La Granke's two frames of cartoon and comedy on stamps as investments . . . he better watch his step or those Iowa "\$20,000 a year profit from stamps" millenium heralders will be on his neck . . . the feed bag at last . . . and so to lunch with 140 or so other appetites for company . . . four postmasters at one table . . . the P. M. of Cleveland, an honor guest as the village's foremost dealer in stamps . . . all too true . . . "Dimples" McLoud putting over an auction as only he can . . . R. R. Dickson, the Pittsburgh teetotaler, and noted advocate of . . . well, skip it . . . helping along by being the principal bidder and commentator . . . and so to cupping . . . you think we refer to absorption of liquids of alcoholic content? . . . the notes read like that? . . . not so, we meant the presentations of cups for this and that . . . four of 'em this year . . . each with speech(es) . . . how does Louie Hanford strain so much verbiage through his chin foliage? . . . Chagrin Falls Stamp Club snagging the cup in the inter-club competition . . . right well merited too . . . those two frames should be prominently spotted at every exhibit open to the public . . . they certainly enlighten the visiting unenlightened whose knowledge of philatelic terms may be scantier than . . . you write the simile . . . Rollin E. Flower winding up the banquet part of the evening with a well told resume of his forays in topical collecting . . . wives later finding those flashlight souvenirs most handy in identifying husbands insisting on assuming a reclining position at the hot spots . . . a practical table favor at last!

Another day dawneth and to the bourse to find Elsie, Mich. . . (Nassau Street's competitor for having-most-dealers prize) . . . well represented by Messrs. Rasdale and McKinney . . . things we never saw before . . . Postal Savings bank stamps used on the \$1 saving cards . . . what official bonfire did they escape back in 1913? . . . a gent from Rochester whose name escapes us (Okay, then, we'll admit we never did hear it) with sheets of Trans-Mississippi to the 10-center . . . Ben Nevison of the motor city plastering ribbons and pins advertising the Detroit party over everyone with all the enthusiasm of a circus bill poster with a new bucket of paste . . . KenMore represented by the boss, Ernie Jarvis himself, his better half and the two gals with a one-firm

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—R. R.

Perfs and Imperfs

THE MARINES WERE NEGLECTED when the Army and Navy set appeared a couple years ago, but Nicaragua is going to do right by the boys who have landed so often in that country. On one of the Will Rogers set, the humorist will be shown in the midst of his very informal appearing reception committee, consisting of a group of marines. In fact the set will set a record for appearance of living Americans on stamps. Wonder who will be able to identify the buck privates, etc.

THOUGH NATIONAL PROHIBITION was repealed, there are still by national law some very arid spots in the U. S., namely what is officially called "the Indian country." Upon complaint of the Dept. of Interior that the postal service was delivering packages containing rubbing alcohol and other liquids of alcoholic content, the Post Office Dept. has forbidden the acceptance of parcels addressed to the Indian country containing any liquid of alcoholic content or of any such to an Indian anywhere. How to determine if an addressee is an Indian was not made clear.

SOMEONE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE found a Philippine Official stamp which in error had the overprint "O. B." reversed, reading "B. O!" Probably it isn't an error at all, but issued for franking reports of Philippine legislature committee investigations.

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"The result suggests a European miniature sheet rather than the type of U. S. postage stamp to which we have been accustomed."—Kent B. Stiles on the 3c Golden Gate stamp in *Scott's Monthly Journal*.

"Mr. Farley's baseball stamp probably will be issued on June 12. Logically it should be followed with other labels publicizing every other sport, not excluding draw poker."—James Waldo Fawcett, Stamp Editor of the *Washington Sunday Star*.

The Forum

Dormont, Pa.

To The Editor:

I am one of your recent subscribers and wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of your publication. I find it full of Stamp News that is news in every line. I like the editorials and departmental items.

I am an old timer, having collected U. S. stamps for some 36 years during which time I have accumulated my U. S. postage within some 50 odd of completion and have besides a nice showing of cut squares, revenues, departments and possessions. Stamp collecting to me is a hobby for pleasure with financial gain out of the picture. The pleasure I derive from delving into my albums and acquiring new items more than pays me for any outlay I may make getting them. They are a tonic for tired nerves at the end of a day of business.

My best wishes go out to you and your publication for a successful year.

Very truly yours,

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Senate Approves Truck

The Philatelic Truck now faces a somewhat brighter future with the recent action of the Senate Appropriations Committee in approving the \$6500 requested for operation of this project of the Post Office Dept. The measure's fate is now up to the House Committee which has already rejected the proposal once.

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- #839—A276—1c green
- #840—A277—1½c bistre brown
- #841—A278—2c rose carmine
- #842—A279—3c deep violet
- #843—A280—4c magenta
- #844—A281—4½c dark gray
- #845—A282—6c bright blue
- #846—A283—6c red orange
- #847—A284—10c brown red

Perf. 10 horizontally:

- #848—A276—1c green
- #849—A277—1½c bistre brown
- #850—A278—2c rose carmine
- #851—A279—3c deep violet

Booklet Panes

- #804b booklet pane of six
 - #806a booklet pane of six
 - #807a booklet pane of six
- (Scott's Monthly Supplement)

AFGHANISTAN — Postal Tax Stamps. Horizontal rectangular format, unwmkd., perf. 12 x 11½. The lower value is smaller than the 15p. Typographed. Stamps were obligatory on all mail, in addition to ordinary stamps from December 22nd to 28th. The proceeds to go to the Aliabad Sanatorium:

- PT1—10p. peacock green (Aliabad Hospital)
 - PT2—15p. dull blue (Pierre and Marie Curie)
- (Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

AUSTRALIA — King George VI Issue. Issued Dec. 21st, 1938 on thin paper, wmkd. and perforation same as before:

- A25—3d. bright blue
- (Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

BRAZIL — Postage Due Stamp. Type of 1919-35. Wmkd. Scott's style #249, perf. 11: D4—200r. slate blue

(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

BULGARIA—Quantities issued of the Rural Economy series, noted by us Oct. 22nd and other issues about that time, were: 5,000,000 each of the 10s. and 15s.; 2,000,000 each of the 30s., 50s. and 2L.; 3,000,000 of the 1L.; 500,000 each of the 3L. and 7L.; 1,000,000 of the 4L.,

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and 200,000 of the 14L. As all values were printed in two separate colors, the quantities given are for the total quantity of each value.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

CANADA — New Special Delivery Provisional. When we chronicled this surcharged stamp, we mentioned that they were scarce. This was based on the information given us by Mr. Sissons. Now comes Mr. W. R. Paton of Winnipeg, Canada, who says: "Might advise that these stamps are plentiful up here, as we have a great many sheets on hand. Was unaware of any shortage anywhere until reading your column last evening." Pay your money and take your choice. We only report the news as it is given us.

COLUMBIAN REPUBLIC — Provisional, Inverted Surcharge. Collectors are warned against the inverted surcharges of the provisional noted by us December 17, 1938. These inverted surcharges are said to be surreptitious productions from the genuine material.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

CUBA — From Gibbons' Stamp Monthly we learn that 20,000,000 were printed of the Postal Tax stamp, termed by us a Tuberculosis seal in our notes of December 10, 1938. This stamp was obligatory on all mail during December, 1938 and January, 1939.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA — Opening of the First Slovak Parliament Commemorative. Under-noted stamp overprinted with a new value, together with the Slovak Arms and the date "18. 1. 1939":

- A72 — 300h. on 10K. blue
- (Whitfield, King & Co.)

ECUADOR — Air Post Stamp. Semi-postal stamp of 1936, surcharged in red in three lines in large heavy type "AEREO SEDTA O, 65." Unwmkd., perf. 13½:

- SP13 — 65c. on 3c. ultramarine

Postal Tax Stamp. Regular stamp of 1930, surcharged in red in four lines "CAMPANA CONTRA EL CANCER 5 ct." Unwmkd., perf. 12½; Stamp was obligatory on all mail from Nov. 23rd to 30th, 1938. The tax is for the International Union for Control of Cancer:

- A116 — 5c. on 6c. yellow & red
- (Scott's Monthly Supplement)

ESTONIA — Souvenir Sheet. Size 90 x 138mm., containing the four semi-postal stamps noted by us March 25th. Issued for the 1939 Charity Drive. Above the stamps in a scroll is the date "1939". Unwmkd., perf. 13½. Paper with gray network:

- SP27—10s. plus 10s. green
- SP28—15s. " 15s. carmine
- SP29—25s. " 25s. blue
- SP30—50s. " 50s. brown

(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

FINLAND — New Design. Horizontal rectangular format 25 x 24½, unwmkd., perf. 14. Engraved:

- 4MK. sepia (Flat Iron Building)
- (R. Roberts)

GREAT BRITAIN — Additional values in the King George VI Issue. Perf. 15 x 14, photogravure, wmkd. GVIR & Crown:

- A102—6d. purple
- (new design) —7d. bright yellow-green
- " " —8d. carmine-rose

Postage Due Stamps. Typographed, perf. 14 x 15, wmkd. same as above:

- D1—5d. bistre-brown
- D2—26d. purple on yellow

(R. Roberts)

GREECE — New Air Post Stamp.

- 10D. yellow-brown (Hermes)
- (L. A. Russell)

Calendar Of Annual Events

Baltimore, Md.—Golden Jubilee Exhibition by the Baltimore Philatelic Society at the Enoch Pratt Free Library, April 22 to 30.

Beaver Falls, Pa.—Annual meeting, exhibition, etc., of the Beaver County Philatelic Society at the General Broadhead Hotel, April 15-16.

Hamhamton, N. Y.—Sixth annual exhibition and banquet of the Binghamton Philatelic Society at Carlton Hotel, April 22.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Annual meeting of the Buffalo Stamp Club at the Hotel Statler, May 12-13-14.

Cicero, Ill.—Eighth Annual Exhibition of the Hawthorne Stamp Club at the Associated Hawthorne Clubs Exhibit, April 17-21, Albright Gymnasium.

Corning, N. Y.—Fourth annual exhibition and banquet of the Crystal City Stamp Club, April 15 at the Baron Steuben Hotel.

Evansville, Ind.—Tri-State Convention of stamp clubs at Hotel McCurdy, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22-23.

Jackson, Mich.—Annual banquet and exhibition of the Jackson Stamp Club at the First M. E. Church on April 8.

Kansas City, Mo.—Annual Exhibition of the Midwest Philatelic Society in the Municipal Auditorium, May 24 to 27.

New Haven, Conn.—Third Annual Get-Together of the David Bushnell Chapter, Universal Ship Cancellation Society, at Hejas Grotto Bldg., Sunday, April 16.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Exhibition April 28-29-30 by the St. Joseph Collectors Club, place of show not stated.

San Francisco, Calif.—First annual exhibition by the California Collectors Club at Olympic Hotel, 230 Eddy St., May 12-14.

Spokane, Wash.—Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition sponsored by the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, Welch Bldg., May 28, 29 and 30.

Springfield, Ill.—Annual stamp and hobby exhibition by the Lincoln's Home Collectors Club, Saturday, April 8, at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. Banquet also.

Tulsa, Okla.—First World Wide Convention of Philatelists and exhibition sponsored by the Oklahoma Philatelic Society, May 17 to 21 at the Coliseum. Will feature meetings of various clubs in connection.

West Chester, Pa.—West Chester Stamp Club Fourth Annual Banquet Wednesday, April 19 at the New Century Club.

• Florida loses the post office of Barineau Park on April 15. Sounds like another boom development gone wrong.

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Only listed a short time ago as on order and already going through the mails is the record for this stamp. What will this make the ones that have appeared in the city types U-1 and U-12N?

BIRMINGHAM 51

Within the last few months I have noted a few 1c 1927 items coming out of Birmingham precancelled in that city type that so much resembles the old bureau type. One thing that distinguishes these new comers from the real buros is the smudginess of the imprint. All old type buros that I have seen from Birmingham were pretty clear and distinct. I wonder though just how many city types repose in buro collections without the owner knowing the difference. One distinction that often is overlooked between the two types is that the CITY TYPE is slightly smaller than the buro type. The capital A in Ala. is plain in the city type while in the buro there is a slight serif or extension of the right line where they form a point at the top. So if anyone has thought he has picked up a Birmingham 51 recently let him scrutinize his copy again and make sure it is not just the 1c compound in the city type.

HAYDON CATALOG

The second edition of the Parker Haydon Catalog of Buroprinted Precancels came to my desk within the past week. If strictly a House Catalog I would think only the available items in stock should be listed and save all the unnecessary correspondence that would occur otherwise. Each and every dealer has his ideas about prices yet most of them agree that the prices set in the OFFICIAL catalog are the best possible considering the information at hand and are in no wise made to suit anyone's stock or collection. There are no illustrations in the Haydon Catalog and its claim to simplicity lies in the method employed in pricing blocks and pairs. If a stamp lists 10c and is listed thus 10x5 then the single is worth 10c but the block or pair as the case may be is worth 5 times that amount or 50c.

STOW, OHIO

My attention has been called to a typeset precancel used at this place on a small weekly newspaper. Evidently the sheet had no subscription rate or there would have been no need in using stamps in mailing them as a paper of this kind with an established subscription rate and having the proper postoffice permit can mail within the county it is located postfree. As I understand it only a few mailings were made with the typeset stamps when a U-12ON was supplied the office. The typesets were neatly printed and in a small (about eight

point) size, neat type with serifs and were between lines spaced rather far apart. These items no doubt will give OHIO collectors quite a headache till they land theirs.

NOTES

Mount Vernon, Ohio, has an electro at last. It's a U-17 and is not a narrow. C. A. Dawson showed us this one on a 1c Presidential.—8c Waterbury, Conn., in U-9 and Norwich, Conn., 11c in U-120, both dated and both Presidentials.—Another twist to the dating. Low and Campbell Sporting Goods Co.; L & C in one line; S G C in another; both in very small letters, and the balance of the dating in letters as large as the first two lines together. A neat arrangement.

New Precancel Club

At a meeting held Sunday afternoon, March 19, at Columbus, the Central Ohio Precancel Club was organized. The following were elected to the various offices: President, Carl Sachs, Columbus; First Vice-Pres., Ralph Guda, Columbus; Second Vice-Pres., Joe Rodes, Granville; Secretary-Treasurer, James Coyne, 19 N. Hazlewood Ave., Newark; Directors, C. A. Dawson of Mount Vernon and Donald McBain of Dayton. More than 20 precancel collectors attended the first

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Last year in August, Germany seized Austria and as a result Austrian Stamps went up in price, the most spectacular being the big Dollfuss Stamp, now that Hitler has taken Czechoslovakia, the Czech stamps have started to climb. Wholesale quantities of these stamp are rapidly disappearing. Some stamps have tripled in value over night. Now for a simile to the Dollfuss stamp mentioned above. The miniature sheets picturing Masaryk are proving the most elusive of items. Whereas supplies were plentiful, now they seem to be non-existent. One wonders if they will hit the heights, at present no one knows because one does not know what Hitler did with the seized stamps.

A few weeks ago the Bratislava miniature sheet of Czechoslovakia were tobogganing to a new low level. Today they have doubled and tripled in prices over night. Most of the New York dealers were happy that they were rid of their supply of these stamps. The funny thing about it all is that no one is shedding any tears over the sudden rise in prices for they feel what one hasn't got one doesn't need to worry about.

Another popular but elusive item is the new Vatican city set that were surcharged when there was no reigning Pope. This set is going to be very scarce from all reports. Only a few New York dealers have had some of these, and almost every one is wanting them. These stamps were on sale for 11 days and only one set was sold to each customer and the Swiss guards saw to it that a person receiving a set did not get on the end of the line in order to secure more. Naturally at the end of the 11 day period quite a number of sets remained. I have only heard rumors of what disposition was made of these remainders, and rumors are not worth quoting. When I receive definite word of their disposal I will inform you.

It seems that Lambert Gerber is conducting all of his Auctions in New York City now. He used to hold them in dif-

ferent localities. His next auction is being held April 6th and 7th in Nassau St. His has been one of the finest catalogues that has ever been issued on this side of the Atlantic. It seems that with the new regulations we are copying the foreign illustrated catalogues more than ever.

Business has been on the upward turn since the first of March, most dealers actually have a smile on their faces when they greet you. We in New York are digging in for the World Fair business. To those of you who have never been to New York before, let me say that you stamp collectors will get a kick out of Nassau St., and 42nd St.

AUCTION CALENDAR

April 8—U. S., General. Uptown Stamp Co., 140L West 42nd St., New York City. Sale at Hollywood Branch office.

April 10—U. S., Wholesale, Foreign Airs. M. Amiel, Box 1903, St. Petersburg, Fla.

April 12—Mail Sale. Uptown Stamp Co., 10415 Woodbridge St., N. Hollywood, Calif.

May 5-6—General. M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

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Empire Ball Awards Stamps

R. Roberts, our London new issue correspondent, reports that at the Empire Ball to be held at Grosvenor House, London, May 24, the prizes to be given will include several of interest to philatelists. First prize will be a comprehensive collection of 534 Queen Victoria stamps of Great Britain, 1840-1897, cataloging over \$500. Other awards will be in the form of albums. The Ball, an annual affair, is sponsored by the British Social Hygiene Council and has headquarters in the Empire Hall, Tavistock House, South; Tavistock Square, W. C. 1, London. Possibly the reason why stamps are among the prizes this year is due to a Sir Ernest Hotson, a collector, being chairman.

Sharon Officers Honored

At a recent dinner meeting of the Sharon (Pa.) Stamp Club, the past and present officers were presented with specially designed gold-plated keys in appreciation of their services. The keys were designed by F. N. Newton, Jr., instructor at the high school and in miniature depict an opened album. Thinking that the design and idea of presentation of these might be of interest to other clubs, the Sharon club is prepared to send drawings and other details to interested clubs. Address, David E. Thomas, Secy.-Treas., 116 E. State St., Sharon, Pa. The club meets once a month, usually in the form of a dinner meeting, an experiment being tried of late with considerable success.

1939 Canadian Xmas Seal

The design for the 1939 Canadian Christmas Seal was selected in February. Gordon Fairbairn of Ottawa is again the artist and the same firm, Arthurs-Jones, Ltd., Toronto, will do the lithographing this year. The colors will be red and green and will depict a small Santa Claus, sleigh and reindeer sweeping over the tops of houses and a church spire in a village. Up to March 1, 1939, sales of the 1938 seal totalled \$159,053.10, about \$5,000 more than in 1937. William T. Norris of Belfast, Me., is authority for the above information.

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Gunesch At New Location

Adolf Gunesch, proprietor of "the largest precancel house in America," has moved his office from State Street in Chicago to 30 W. Washington St. To celebrate the opening of the new quarters, Gunesch is offering specials, some of which will be found advertised elsewhere in this issue.

• A cover with marking indicating it was recovered from the wreck of the *Colombo*, a steamer in Indian Ocean waters over 50 years ago, brought \$16 at a recent sale.

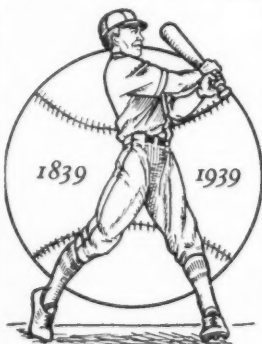
49 French Fair Stamps

The French commission for participation in the New York World's Fair has announced that France will issue on April 15 a 2.25 francs commemorative for the Fair, and that on May 1 each of the 24 French colonies will issue a 1.25 and 2.25 franc stamp.

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